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Title: Need to take suitable action to settle the cases of Bangladeshi nationals living in Assam.

SHRI LALIT MOHAN SUKLABAIDYA (KARIMGANJ): About 4 lakhs Bengali speaking people who came into Assam from Bangladesh before 25 March 1971 which was the cut-off date according to the Assam Accord, and was formed on the basis of treaty between Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Smt. Indira Gandhi, are now under severe mental distress being marked as D Voters. Thousands are under trials and many are declared as foreigners by Foreigner Tribunal courts on mainly ex-parte judgment on the basis of British framed Foreigners Act 1946 meant to identify enemies. The victims could not defend themselves as no notices were served.

These victims are deported and pushed to No Man's Land later to be arrested and sent back to India. Among them are those who have been in India for half a century.

I urge upon the Government to take action so that -

(1) The victims of ex parte judgment could get a chance to defend themselves;

(2) On deportation they should be handed over to a representative of Bangladesh Government;

(3) They should not be pushed into No Man's land.